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The Honorable Edward P. Boland
Chairman, Permanent Select
Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your 18 April 1980 letter to the Director inquiring about the leak cases which we have referred to the Department of Justice since 1 January 1979 and about the responses we have received.

Since 1 January 1979 we have reported to the Department of Justice nine cases involving the unauthorized disclosure of classified information. We are also aware of additional cases which were reported to Justice by other Executive Branch Agencies.

The leaks which were reported were not the only ones which occurred in this time frame, but it is our practice to report only those leaks which seem amenable to investigation or are particularly damaging. When Agency officers become aware of media reports which appear to contain classified information, the matter is referred to our Office of Security. Security officials attempt to confirm that the disclosed information is classified and also to determine whether the information can be sourced to a specific classified document. The case is then forwarded to the Office of General Counsel which determines whether the matter should be reported to Justice.

Enclosed are brief summaries of the nine cases which were reported to Justice. We would be pleased to discuss with you any of these cases in which you have a continuing or special interest.

Sincerely yours,

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